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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB: ANGOLA; PLO

1. THERE WAS MOVE BEGUN BEHIND SCENES BY AFRICANS (LED BY ALGERIA) AT OPENING PLENARY OF UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB) TODAY TO SEAT ANGOLA, BUT MOVE WAS TURNED OFF (FOR PRESENT AT LEAST) BY UNCTAD OFFICIAL WHO MET WITH AFRICANS AND PERSUADED THEM THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DOING SO. HE CITED AS UNCTAD PRECEDENTS EXPERIENCE WITH GDR AND NORTH KOREA BEFORE THEY HAD ENTERED UNDER UN SYSTEM INVITATION FORMULA. SAME OFFICIAL POINTEDLY DREW ATTENTION OF AFRICANS TO WHO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, WHICH CONVENES MAY 3, AS EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR ANGOLA TO SEEK TO BE ACCEPTED INTO A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY IN ORDER TO MAKE ITSELF ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, AT LEAST DURING LATER PART, IN UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI MAY 3-28.

2. TDB NOT EXPECTED TO RESUME IN PLENARY AGAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNTIL BRIEF SESSION MARCH 16 TO HEAR STATEMENT BY A BULGARIAN

MINISTER.

WHILE PLENARY COULD BE RECONVENED BY CHAIRMAN IN INTERIM, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT DECISION BY AFRICANS NOT TO PURSUE QUESTION FURTHER TODAY MEANS THE ANGOLAN PARTICIPATIONS QUESTION HAS EFFECTIVELY BEEN SET ASIDE FOR PURPOSES OF PRESENT SESSION.

3. SECRETARIAT INFORMS US THAT, TO ITS SURPRISE, PLO HAS NOT REQUESTED OBSERVER STATUS. NO EXPLANATION HAS BEEN OFFERED.DALE

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